

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The Central Department of Tourism does not have a scheme to declare any place as a national tourism centre.

Shortage of Water in the Country

6271. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SING: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several parts of the country are facing serious water shortage of drinking as well as for irrigation purposes despite surplus water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is being due to the lack of effective water management;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the details of the strategies proposed to be adopted in Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). The availability of water in the country varies from place to place and is not spread uniformly all over country, creating pockets of scarcity of floods. Because of the wide variation in the availability of water in different areas of the country, it is difficult to meet with all requirements of water in drought-prone and other water short areas. For mitigating the hardships of water short areas. Government of India has prepared national perspectives for transfer of water from surplus areas to water-deficit areas. National Water Development Agency is engaged in carrying out these studies.

(e) In the 8th Plan, thrust is proposed to be given on completion of on-going Schemes, carrying out detailed surveys and investiga-

tions for preparation of project reports for transfer of water from surplus to water-short areas, adoption of better irrigation practices through training of farmers in irrigated agriculture, and gearing up of development of Command Areas, modernisation of tanks, bringing economy in the use of water, conservation of water through extension of watershed development programme.

Telegu News Bulletin from Doordarshan

6272. SHRI DHARAMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation to introduce Telugu news bulletin from Doordarshan, Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad is already telecasting a daily news bulletin in Telegu.

Post Offices with Speed Post Facility in Kerala

6273. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the details of post offices having speed post facility in Kerala; and

(b) the number of post offices proposed to be provided with this facility in near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The following

post offices in Kerala are having speed post facility;

I. UNDER NATIONAL NETWORK

- i. Alwaye Head Post Offices
- ii. Alwaye Town Bus Stand P. O.
- iii. Ernakulam Head Post Office
- iv. Wellington Island P. O
- v. Mattancherry P. O.
- vi. Udyog Mandal P. O.
- vii. Cochin Airport TMO and Speed Post Centre
- viii. Banerjee Road P. O
- ix. Cochin M. G. Road P. O.
- x. Kadavanthra P. O.
- xi. Quilon Head Post Office
- xii. Kundra P. O.
- xiii. Sakthi Kulangara P. O.
- xiv. Trivandrum GPO.
- xv. Trivandrum Fort P. O.
- xvi. Sasthamangalma P. O.
- xvii. Trivandrum Medical College P. O.
- xviii. Trivandrum S. P. C. C.
- xix. Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum P. O.
- xx. Pattom Palace P. O.
- xxi. Trivandrum RMS

xxii. Thycaud Head Post Office

xxiii. Trichur Head Post Office

xxiv. Calicut Head Post Office

xxv. Calicut Beach P. O.

xxvi. Nadakavu P. O.

xxvii. Calicut City P. O.

II. UNDER POINT TO POINT SPEED POST SERVICE

i. Kottayam H. P. O.

ii. Alleppy H. P. O.

iii. Palghat H. P. O.

iv. Tirur H. P. O.

v. Cannanore H. P. O.

vi. Manjeri H. P. O.

(b) Introduction of Speed Post to new cities/towns is an on-going process keeping in view the customers needs, availability of suitable transmission network and traffic and commercial viability.

Post Office in Kerala

6274. SHRI P. C. THOMAS:
SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening of new post offices;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new post offices in Kerala during 1992-93;